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My dear Mirza,

I have been wisnful to write to you for ever so long, but there has never been time for we have been frantically busy , we have just been inthe house 18 days and it is getting into some sort of order now and we are getting fonder & fonder of the place . Its so delightfully quiet perched up near these great hills and the climate is lovely . I want to thank you once more for my lovely furniture, I am glad to have it and only wish I had brought much more with me . It all came quite safely . I have reminders of my beloved Mysore all about me . The view of Chammundi is on the dressing table and His Highness' portrait is on my bureau as I write . I hope it will not be long before you pay Europe a visit and come to see us . As soon as I have the house in order, and time, I hope to begin painting again.

If you ever have any time I would so delight in a letter for I often think of all my friends and would like to be flying along in the little car with our faces towards Mysore. I would like news of Rajkumar and indeed everyone. Colonel and Mrs: Gaunt I hope to see this spring , I have written to say they must come to us . They are coming home and then go-

ing back to India in time for the races.

I expect you have heard that Captain Kirkbride is engaged to be married and hopes that he will be home in April and that we shall be in town for the wedding . We are not quite certain if we can manage to get away this summer but hope to . really because of my old father who will be 84 this next year and is still hard at work on the Privy Council. We are all very pleased with the result of the elections at home .

The French papers speak of a terrible Russian famine looming in the near future . The peasants had troubles in the old days but now everything must be hopeless . France seems happy and hard working . We are not far from one of the large ~~electric stations , they are making use of all their water~~ power and talk of even working farms by its use .

My husband is looking so much stronger already and I am much better . I shall never forget my time in Mysore and all the great kindness showered upon us . If you get the opportunity will you kindly tell His Highness(and Her Highness C.I. when Mrs: Mirza sees her) that they are very often in my thoughts , I owe them many happy memories .

With very kind regards from us both and all good wishes for the coming year .

Believe me,

Very sincerely yours ,